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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/802,271	OHMURO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Tai Duong	2871	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE 10/23/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9,11-21 and 32-34.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>10/23/06</u>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/23/2006 has been entered.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed over the prior art of record. None of the prior art discloses or suggests a LCD device comprising a reflecting plate having wrinkle-like unevenness on the surface thereof, wherein at least part of the wrinkle-like unevenness has a first linear part extending in a first part, a second linear part extending from the top end of the first linear part in a second direction different from the first direction by certain angles to a predetermined side, and a third linear part extending from the top end of the second linear part in a direction which different from the second direction by certain angles to the predetermined side, the wrinkle-like unevenness having a directional pattern, the wrinkle-like unevenness extending primarily in either horizontal or vertical direction on the display plane of the LCD device. Claim 33 is allowed over the prior art of record because none of the prior art discloses or suggests a LCD device having the combination of the feature "a reflecting plate having wrinkle-like unevenness on the surface thereof, the wrinkle-like unevenness having a plurality of protrusions" and the feature " said plurality of protrusions are *arranged in parallel with each*

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other when viewed from a direction perpendicular to the reflecting plate, and *each* of the protrusions has a first linear part extending in a first direction, a second linear part extending from the top end of the first linear part in a second direction different from the first direction by certain angles to a predetermined side, and a third linear part extending from the top end of the second linear part in a third direction different from the second direction by certain angles to the predetermined side". The remaining claims are also allowed since they depend on the allowed claims 1 and 33.

Doi et al (US 2004/0001174) disclose a LCD device comprising a reflecting plate having wrinkle-like unevenness on the surface thereof, the wrinkle-like unevenness having a plurality of protrusions, said plurality of protrusions are arranged in parallel with each other when viewed from a direction perpendicular to the reflecting plate, each of the protrusions having first and second linear parts. However, Doi et al do *not* disclose the feature "at least part of the wrinkle-like unevenness has a first linear part extending in a first part, a second linear part extending from the top end of the first linear part in a second direction different from the first direction by certain angles to a predetermined side, and a third linear part extending from the top end of the second linear part in a direction which different from the second direction by certain angles to the predetermined side

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Tai Duong at telephone number (571) 272-2291.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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